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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 3635
E.O. 12065: GDS 5/15/86 (LAWRENCE, L.) OR-AMB
TAGS: PINS, JM
SUBJECT: MORE MYSTERIOUS SHIPMENTS
REF: KINGSTON 3513

1. (C) SUMMARY: [redacted]

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2. (U) FOLLOWING THE REVELATION LAST WEEK OF A LARGE SHIPMENT OF SHOTGUN SHELLS TO A CUBAN FRONT COMPANY HERE (REFTEL), TWO MORE INSTANCES OF APPARENTLY SIMILAR SHIPMENTS HAVE COME TO LIGHT.
2. (U) THE DAILY GLEANER AND DAILY NEWS REPORT MAY 15 THAT A NAMUCAR VESSEL, M.V. SARATOGA, HAS BEEN DETAINED IN KINGSTON WHILE THE AUTHORITIES ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO A PORTION OF A LOAD OF .38 CALIBER AMMUNITION SUPPOSEDLY ON THE VESSEL. ACCORDING TO NATIONAL SECURITY MINISTER THOMPSON, 4,500 ROUNDS ARE MISSING FROM A CONSIGNMENT OF 185,000 ROUNDS, BUT, ACCORDING TO THE JAMAICA LABOUR PARTY (JLP), 50,000 ROUNDS ARE MISSING. THE JLP NOTES THAT THE SHIP DID NOT INDICATE

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THAT IT WAS CARRYING AMMUNITION (I.E. HOISTING THE BRAVO FLAG) UNTIL STEVEDORES DISCOVERED THE CRATE OF AMMUNITION AND REPORTED THE MATTER. AGAIN ACCORDING TO THE JLP, TWO MOTOR LAUNCHES VISITED THE SHIP THE NIGHT BEFORE IT WAS UNLOADED, AND SEVERAL PACKAGES WERE REMOVED. THOMPSON DISPUTED THE JLP'S FACTS AND, IN A PRESS CONFERENCE, ASSURED THE PUBLIC THAT "THE SECURITY FORCES AND CUSTOMS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN CONTROL OF THE SITUATION."

4. (C) THE OTHER INCIDENT, OR PERHAPS INCIDENTS, HAS NOT BEEN PUBLICIZED YET. [redacted] HE HAS EVIDENCE OF A SHIPMENT OF 100 CASES OF SHOTGUN SHELLS CONSIGNED TO A WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY ACTIVIST IN THE MONTEGO BAY AREA. [redacted] A SUSPICIOUS SHIPMENT OF "HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT" CONSIGNED TO MONEX, WHICH HE IS INSISTING BE INVESTIGATED. [redacted] A SENIOR POLICEMAN TOLD THE RSO THAT THE POLICE HAD INFORMATION THAT A SHIPMENT OF AMMUNITION WAS DUE INTO ST. MARY'S PARISH THIS WEEK [redacted]

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5. (C) MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT MIGHT PROSECUTE MOONEX COMPANY FOR MINOR VIOLATIONS OF THE CUSTOMS ACT. THIS RELATES TO A LARGE SHIPMENT OF SHOTGUN SHELLS DISCOVERED LAST WEEK (REFTEL--NOTAL. THE GLEANER HAS BEEN HAVING A FIELD DAY WITH MOONEX INTERNATIONAL, POINTING OUT ITS CUBAN CONNECTIONS (DENIED VEHEMENTLY AND PUBLICLY BY DUDLEY THOMPSON). ONE FACT THEY HAVE NOT PICKED UP YET, REVEALED TO US BY A BUSINESSMAN, [redacted]

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5. (C) COMMENT: [redacted]

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WHICH WE HAVE FIRM DATA ON COULD HAVE BEEN MERELY HERE FOR TRANSSHIPMENT AND NOT FOR JAMAICAN DELIVERY. THERE COULD EVEN BE INNOCENT EXPLANATIONS, WHICH SEEMS UNLIKELY. [redacted]

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7. (C) RECOMMENDATION: [redacted]

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